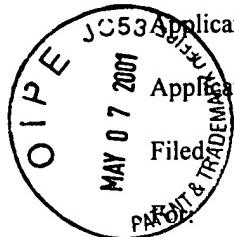


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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

The undersigned attorney petitions the Assistant Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for filing a Response to the Office Action dated December 26, 2000 for two months from March 26, 2001 to May 26, 2001.

	Small Entity	Other than Small Entity
1 month -	\$ 55	X \$ 110
2 months -	\$ 195	\$ 390
3 months -	\$ 445	\$ 890
4 months -	\$ 695	\$1,390
5 months -	\$ 945	\$1,890

- [] Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$[] to cover the cost of the extension.
 [] The fee for the extension is included in the check for the accompanying response.
 [X] Please charge Deposit Account No. 18-1945 in the amount of \$110.00 to cover the cost of the extension fee.

Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 18-1945. One duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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